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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Copies of **Documents B1-B4** and **C1-C18** are enclosed.

Document C15 was cited in counterpart Application No. 10/827,353 in an Office Action dated September 18, 2007. Document C13 was cited in counterpart Application No. 10/827,309 in an Office Action dated October 16, 2007. Documents C16-C18 were cited in counterpart Application No. 10/066,057 in an Office Action dated November 26, 2007.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a final Office Action (37 CFR 1.97(d)). The fee of \$ 180.00 is enclosed (37 CFR 1.97(d)(2)). Applicants do not

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make the certification under 37 CFR 1.97(e). Nevertheless, Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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